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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

- 1) Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98 applicants enclose a Form PTO-1449 and make of record the documents listed thereon. A copy of the International Search Report issued in the corresponding PCT International Application on March 20, 2000 as well as an English verison thereof are also enclosed. Copies of references AA to AD were transmitted to the USPTO by the International Searching Authority in the International processing of this PCT Application.
- 2) This statement is being filed concurrently with the above identified new PCT National Phase Application.
- 3) Reference AS to AC are in English and require no discussion.

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- 4) Reference AD was categorized in relevance category A (general state of the art not considered to be of particular relevance) by a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, namely in the International Search Report of March 20, 2000. References AA to AC are in English. Thereby, the requirement for a concise explanation of the relevance has been satisfied (see M.P.E.P. §609). Also note that the International Preliminary Examination Report finds all claims to satisfy all criteria of patentability, over the cited prior art.
- 5) Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider all references of record, return an initialled copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 to the applicants and ensure that all references of record are printed on any patent issuing from this application.
- 6) Favorable consideration and allowance of claims 1 to 5 and 13 to 19 are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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